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SUBJECT: KRIESKY'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. "DIE PRESSE" (VIENNA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER) OF JULY 14 PUBLISHED SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH CHANCELLOR DREISKY IN WHICH KREISKY INTER ALIA UNDERLAINED HIS UNDERSTANDING FOR AND SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND REITERATED GOA'S OWN APPROACH TO HUMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHTS ISSUES.

2. DREISKY NOTED THAT POINT OF DEPARTURE IN ANY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE FACT THAT EAST-WEST COEXISTENCE DOES NOT INCLUDE IDEOLOGICAL COEXISTENCE, POINT WHICH,

DREISKY OBSERVED, WAS MADE BY BREZHNEV HIMSELF AT HELSINKI. BASED ON FORGOING ASSUMPTION, COMMUNISTS CONSIDER IT TO BE IN EFFECT THEIR RIGHT "TO OFFER TO WORLD BLESSING OF COMMUNISM." SINCE DEMOCRACIES HAVE NO NEED EITHER FOR "IDEOLOGICAL COEXISTENCE, " THEY ALSO HAVE RIGHT, IN DREISKY'S WORDS, TO MAKE "WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY" AND "RIGHT TO PRAISE GREATNESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RESPECT FOR WHICH IS BASIS OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY." SEEN AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, KREISKY CONTINUED, PRESIDENT CARTER'S DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS "NOT A PARTICULARLY DISTURBING FACTOR" AND "ONE SHOULD NOT GET EXCITED IN USSR WHEN CARTER STATES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR HIM."

3. AS FOR AUSTRIAN PRACTICE ON ISSUE, KREISKY

INDICATED GOA WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY (COMMENT: NAMELY OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES QUIET EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FREEDOM FOR SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS). IN LATTER CONNECTION, KREISKY EXPLAINED: "WE WRITE TO MESSRS. CEAUSESCU AND STROUGAL, OR GDR, AND GET PEOPLE OUT OF THERE." AND "WE NOT ONLY GET DOZENS OF DISSIDENTS OUT OF EAST BLOC, BUT (BY OUR INTERVENTIONS) WE ALSO SAVE LIVES OF PEOPLE THERE" AND "STRENGTHEN COURAGE OF THOSE WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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